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FROM HILLENBRAND

US DELEGATION TABLED PAPER TODAY ON ELEMENTS OF WESTERN POSITION. ALSO DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF ILLUSTRATIVE DRAFT GERMAN PEACE TREATY. IN DESCRIBING PLAN US EMPHASIZED PAPERS INTRODUCED FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION. PAPER ACCEPTS PROBABILITY AS STATED PARA SIX THAT ANY BASIC AGREEMENT WITH USSR UNLIKELY AT THIS TIME. WEST SHOULD AIM AT DERIVING MAXIMUM TACTICAL ADVANTAGE FROM REFORMULATION TRADITIONAL POSITIONS AND INTRODUCTION CERTAIN ACCEPTABLE INNOVATIONS. PROPOSALS COULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS IF USSR SHOULD POSSIBLY WANT COVER FOR WITHDRAWAL. POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS AND INTRODUCTION OF DISARMAMENT ELEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO CREATE IMPRESSION OF GREATER FORTHCOMINGNESS AND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANCELLOR'S EMPHASIS ON DISARMAMENT. IN OUTLINING ELEMENTS WESTERN POSITION POINT MADE THERE MIGHT BE POSSIBILITIES FOR INTRODUCING SOME TYPE OF INSPECTION AT STAGE II AND IDEAS CONTAINED IN PARAS 25 THROUGH 27 OF PAPER SUGGESTED AS ILLUSTRATIVE TYPE OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE. (IN ACCORDANCE SULLIVAN WEILER TELECON; PARA 26 CHANGED AS REQUESTED EMBTEL 3319.)

GROUP AGREED TO POSTPONE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF US PAPER UNTIL TOMORROW. PRELIMINARY FRENCH REACTION WAS THAT TROOP CEILINGS SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER MORE SENSITIVE ASPECTS DISARMAMENT PROBLEM. GERMANS WELCOMED COGNIZANCE TAKEN IN US PAPER OF GERMAN THINKING AND

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INTRODUCTION OF DISARMAMENT FEATURES. HOPED PEACE TREATY DRAFT WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN ANY DETAIL BECAUSE IT RAISED NUMBER OF DIFFICULT JURIDICAL PROBLEMS, FOR EXAMPLE CLAIMS. WAS ASSURED PEACE TREATY PAPER INTRODUCED ONLY FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES.

GROUP DISCUSSION ON DRAFT REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE REPORTED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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